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State Senator Kimberly A. Lightford (D-Maywood) continues her push to increase Illinois' minimum wage with [Senate Bill 1565](#). According to [a recent Economic Policy Institute report](#), increasing Illinois' minimum wage would help working families and give a much-needed boost to the State's economy.

This week, faith leaders from communities statewide and members of the Raise Illinois coalition [held a rally in the Capitol's rotunda](#) to show their support for the legislation during the first week of the 2012 spring legislative session in Springfield. Senator Lightford spoke at the rally about her continued support for the increase and about some of the challenges they face in seeking its passage.